



**The International Lightning Class Association
2018 South East Regional District Championship
May 19 and 20, 2018
Hosted by the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (organizing authority) and
The Lightning Southeastern District**

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by the Southeastern District International Lightning Class Association and the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club. The regatta has been sanctioned in accordance with the bylaws of the ILCA.

2. RULES

This regatta will be governed by the following rules, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and notices:

- a. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championships.
- c. Prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of each day, each boat is required to check in with the Race Committee signal boat on starboard tack giving her sail number and to receive a clear signal of acknowledgement. The penalty for failing to check in is disqualification from the first race of the day that is finished by the boat failing to check in.
- d. A race, in which a request for redress for OCS is heard and the request is not granted, may not be discarded by the requestor.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the screen porch of the Club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any onshore change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:00 am on Saturday and 9:00 am on Sunday, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.
- b. Any on the water change to the Sailing Instructions will be made before the warning signal of a race by hoisting code flag "L" with one sound signal and announcing the change verbally on VHF 78. RRS 90.2 (c)

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club flag pole.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. Saturday 9:30 Competitors' Meeting
11:00 First race warning signal
- b. Sunday 10:00 First warning signal of the day
- c. Six races are planned.
- d. A minimum of two races shall constitute a regatta.
- e. On Sunday, no warning signal shall be made after 1:00.

7. RACING AREAS

- a. The racing area shall be near the Club north of the McTeer Bridge or within two miles south of the McTeer Bridge.
- b. The Race Committee will announce the racing area at the competitors' meeting on Saturday and at approximately 9:00 on Sunday using VHF 78.

8. COURSES

- a. All courses will be windward/leeward courses.
- b. The Race Committee signal boat will display no later than the warning signal the number of legs to be completed and the approximate compass course to the windward mark.
- c. A windward offset mark will be used. However, if the offset mark is not in position then boats should round only the windward mark, leaving it to port and proceed downwind.
- d. A downwind gate will be positioned to windward of the start line. However, if one gate mark is missing then boats should round the remaining gate mark leaving it to port.

9. MARKS

- a. Windward mark orange cylinder
- b. Windward change mark yellow cylinder
- c. Windward offset mark orange ball
- d. Gate marks orange cylinders
- e. Finish mark yellow ball
- f. Start mark pin end buoy with staff displaying yellow flag

10. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- a. The Race Committee will communicate to the competitors on VHF channel 78.
- b. Except in an emergency a boat shall neither transmit nor receive any electronic communication not available to all other competitors.
- c. The Race Committee intends to announce before and between races information concerning the day's racing, including course descriptions, approximate time of the next warning signal, and other relevant information.
- d. The Race Committee will attempt to announce OCS boats on VHF 78. Failure to make or hear the announcement, timing of the announcement, and order of boats announced will not be grounds for redress.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

The mooring field in front of the Club is designated as an obstruction and is defined as extending sixty feet from any mooring ball or boat tethered to a mooring ball. Boats may not enter the obstruction area while racing. Boats observed in the obstruction area while racing are subject to protest.

12. THE START

- a. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. A series of short sound signals will be sounded prior to the warning signal.
- b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat on the starboard end of the line and the start mark on the port end of the line.
- c. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

13. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

For a change weather mark, an offset mark will not be deployed.

14. THE FINISH

- a. For downwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the finish mark located on the same side of the signal boat as the starting line.
- b. For upwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat on the starboard end of the finishing line and the finish mark located on the port end of the finishing line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalties are as described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2, except if a penalty occurs when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely below the gooseneck while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two. This changes RRS 44.1.

16. PROPULSION

As per RRS 60, a boat, the race committee, or the protest committee may protest a boat for an alleged violation of rule RRS 42.

17. TIME LIMITS

- a. The time limit for any race for the first boat to sail the course and finish is one hour and forty minutes (1:40).
- b. If no boat completes the first leg within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- c. A boat which fails to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and which is not scored any of the abbreviated letter scores in RRS A11, shall be scored time limit expired (TLE). (See SI 19, Scoring)

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- a. Protest forms are available at the official notice board and will be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- b. The protest time limit is one hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- c. Notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- d. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted within the protest time limit as per RRS 61.1 (b).
- e. For the purposes of RRS 64.3 (b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- f. On Sunday, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - i. Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on Saturday.
 - ii. No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on Sunday. This changes RRS 66.

19. SCORING

- a. The low point scoring system (RRS A 4) will be in effect.
- b. Boats scored TLE as per SI 17 (c) shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats that started minus 50% of the number of boats scored TLE. The score will be a whole number (fractions 0.5 and higher will be rounded up).
- c. If more than five races are completed each boat's worst score will be discarded.
- d. Boats which tie in a single race shall score points equal to the best position involved. The position(s) immediately after shall remain vacant (if two boats tie for first place, both are scored 1 point and the next boat to finish scores 3 points). This changes RRS A 7.

20. SAFETY

- a. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing and World Sailing rules.
- b. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- c. Closed toe shoes shall be worn when ramp launching or retrieving boats.
- d. The Race Committee requests that all boats carry a VHF radio and monitor channel 78.

21. SUBSTITUTION OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- a. There shall be no substitution of skipper.
- b. After the warning signal of the first race of the regatta, a boat and crew shall sail together throughout the regatta, except in the case of a demonstrated accident or injury. Permission for

substitution of crew in such cases may be obtained from the SE District Commodore or his/her designee or the Race Committee principal race officer (PRO).

- c. Any substitution of a sail or other equipment shall be done with the written approval of the district measurer or the PRO.

22. SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a competing boat may be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be display a Race Committee flag.

24. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 yards outside the lay lines of the course including the starting area) from the start of the first race to the finish of the last race of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may be disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

There is no restriction on haul-outs.

26. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing and final scoring on Sunday at an awards presentation on the Club deck or porch.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

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